IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

THOMAS STONE, individually and on Case No. 1:08-cv-01746 behalf of all others similarly situated, Judge Bucklo Plaintiff, Mag. Judge Denlow VS. CORUS BANK, N.A., Defendant. GLORIA RODRIGUEZ, individually and on Case No. 1:08-cv-02254 behalf of all others similarly situated, Judge Dow Plaintiff, Mag. Judge Ashman VS. CORUS BANK, N.A., Defendant. JOAN KISTNER, individually and on behalf Case No. 1:08-cv-02797 of all others similarly situated, Judge Norgle Plaintiff, Mag. Judge Ashman vs. CORUS BANK, N.A., Defendant.

NOTICE OF CONSENT TO CERTIFICATION OF STATUTORY DAMAGES CLASS

Corus Bank, N.A. ("Corus") hereby gives notice of its consent to a single statutory damages class in the above-captioned matters as described below:

- 1. On May 22, 2008, in a hearing upon motions to reassign the above-captioned cases pursuant to Local Rule 40.4, this Court, responding to a hypothetical posed by counsel for Plaintiffs, inquired as to Corus' position regarding the current putative class action representatives' standing to sue upon additional alleged violations of 15 U.S.C. § 1693 *et seq*. ("EFTA") and 12 C.F.R. § 205.1 *et seq*. ("Regulation E"), specifically in connection with Corus automated teller machine ("ATM") locations that are not named in the above-captioned cases. ¹
- 2. To confirm what was stated in court, and assuming that the current putative class representatives did in fact use and pay a transaction fee at one of Corus' ATMs during the class period, Corus will not oppose the standing of any current putative class representative to assert statutory damages claims encompassing all Corus ATMs alleged to have violated the EFTA and Regulation E, irrespective of the class representative's actual usage of the other ATMs in

¹ THE COURT: Well, you've got three plaintiffs, right?

MR. RAPHAEL: Well, no, I understand there's 19 locations that they had that violated [sic]. I do have additional plaintiffs coming in, and I can sue on each of those machines. Are they saying somehow that the class can encompass all of these machines whether I have a plaintiff or not?

THE COURT: That's a fair question.

MR. DALY: Your Honor, if Mr. Raphael says that he's got a plaintiff for each one of those machines, I believe the bank would consent to the fact that any one of the three plaintiffs could bring the class. We may have issues. We have issues, for example, just to back up for one second.

There are statutory damages that's [sic] up to \$500,000. They have also requested actual damages. There's going to be a fight on that because we don't think there are any actual damages because each and every customer got the notice and had to push a button that says: Yes, I want to pay the fee and proceed.

So on that we are going to have a fight.

On the statutory damages, was there a sign on the machine? I don't think we're going to have a fight on that.

MR. RAPHAEL: That isn't what I asked. If I don't have a plaintiff for machine No. 19, does Mr. Stone have standing to bring an action against that machine? And if the answer to that question is no, then why would Mr. Stone have standing to bring an action on the machine that I do have a different plaintiff on [sic]? It's axiomatic that they are not the same class.

MR. DALY: I think we'd have to take a look at that, Judge, but it sounds to me like [sic] that if he's going to bring a single class action against the bank, I don't think we are going to have a standing issue when it comes to the machines.

⁽See Tr. at 17:11-18:17).

MR. DALY: Judge, we will consent to a statutory damage class for all – however many machines. (*See* Tr. at 19:22-23).

question during the class period. Further, Corus will not contest a motion for class certification for a class meeting this definition (a statutory damages class comprised of persons who paid a transaction fee at a Corus ATM on which a physical fee notice was not posted in alleged violation of the EFTA and Regulation E during the relevant class period).

3. Corus does not consent to the propriety of class certification for any putative class seeking actual damages in this matter on the ground that every putative class member was made aware by an on-screen notice that a fee would be charged—and was required by the on-screen menu to elect whether to proceed with the transaction and pay the fee—prior to consummating a transaction at a Corus ATM. Consequently—as to actual damages—individual questions of causation, injury and damage, among others, will predominate over any questions that may be common. If the Court nonetheless determines to certify an actual damages class, Corus would consent to the treatment in a single class all actual damages claims for all Corus ATMs alleged to violate the EFTA and Regulation E for failure to have the physical notice posted.

Dated: June 19, 2008 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Matthew E. Szwajkowski, an attorney, certify that on June 19, 2008, I served the foregoing **Notice of Consent to Certification of Statutory Damages Class** with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to the following counsel of record at their e-mail addresses on file with the Court:

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